

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires board of education of community college district to develop standards for community college to implement a process to give credit for education and training obtained by person while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Directs board of education of community college district, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to develop methods for informing persons who served in Armed Forces about potential credit for education and training.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines
- Transfer of credits from military transcripts
- Uniform and consistent standards for credit allocation
- Veterans' Affairs and community college district collaboration on standards development

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration, established by Senate Bill 700 (2009), determined that college credit for a veteran's military education and training should be standardized in Oregon Universities, colleges and community colleges. ORS 341.533 allows, but does not require, community colleges to give Armed Forces personnel credit for military education and training. The Oregon University System generally uses the American Council on Education guidelines to determine credit amounts for specific military training and education. Currently, the ACE system of credit allocation is not uniformly applied at Oregon's seventeen community colleges, resulting in different credit allocations.

Senate Bill 275 requires community colleges to establish and implement standards, such as ACE, for consistent credit allocation for education and training obtained while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The measure also requires community colleges to give credit for military education, training and skills that meet the standards.